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**FORMER PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENT RECEIVES
PRISON SENTENCE FOR MAIL FRAUD
SCHEME INVOLVING SOLICITATIONS ON BEHALF OF
PHONY POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS' AND VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS**

Jeremy K. Hoelzel, age 30, a former resident of Pinellas County, Florida, was sentenced today to a term of seven years' imprisonment in United States District Court in Tampa, Florida. Hoelzel, and five other persons were charged earlier this year in a forty-eight count indictment charging them with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and mail fraud arising out of a scheme to solicit contributions from the public on behalf of phony police, firefighters', and veterans' related organizations. The fraudulent scheme raised more than \$640,000, none of which was used to benefit law enforcement officers and their families, firefighters and their families, or veterans, as represented in the solicitations. Hoelzel pled guilty to all forty-eight counts of the indictment as did Donna Oglesby, his former girlfriend. Robert Gonyo pled guilty to the conspiracy charge and has cooperated with the government. Oglesby and Gonyo have received prison sentences of 46 months' imprisonment and 60 months' imprisonment respectively. Three other individuals - Timothy

Day, his wife, Donna Day, and Edward Hallock - were all convicted by jury trial of the conspiracy charge and multiple counts of mail fraud. All three are scheduled to be sentenced later this month.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, Tampa, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis I. Moore of the General Crimes Section of the United States Attorney's Office.

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